

resolution (H. Con. Res. 178) establishing the congressional budget for the U.S. Government for fiscal year 1997 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 63. Concurrent resolution to express the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Agriculture should dispose of all remaining commodities in the disaster reserve maintained under the Agricultural Act of 1970 to relieve the distress of livestock producers whose ability to maintain livestock is adversely affected by disaster conditions existing in certain areas of the United States, such as prolonged drought or flooding, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2909. An act to amend the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge Act to provide that the Secretary of the Interior may acquire lands for purposes of that Act only by donation or exchange, or otherwise with the consent of the owner of the lands.

H.R. 3603. An act making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2909. An act to amend the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge Act to provide that the Secretary of the Interior may acquire lands for purposes of that Act only by donation or exchange, or otherwise with the consent of the owner of the lands; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 3603. An act making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

Pursuant to the order of May 23, 1996, the following bill was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs for a period not to exceed 10 session days:

H.R. 3286. An act to help families defray adoption costs, and to promote the adoption of minority children.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-3026. A communication from the Secretary of the Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Semiannual Report to Congress on Audit Follow-Up"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3027. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector

General for the period October 1, 1995 through March 31, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3028. A communication from the Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 1994; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3029. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1995 through March 31, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3030. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1995 through March 31, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3031. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1995 through March 31, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3032. A communication from the Attorney General, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1995 through March 31, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3033. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1995 through March 31, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3034. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1995 through March 31, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3035. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-268 adopted by the Council on May 5, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3036. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice of approval for a personnel management demonstration project for the Department of the Air Force; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3037. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semi-annual report of the Inspector General and the Management Response for the period October 1, 1995 through March 31, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3038. A communication from the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 1995 through March 31, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3039. A communication from the Federal Co-Chairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 1995 through March 31, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3040. A communication from the Tennessee Valley Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 1994; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3041. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Panama Canal Commission, transmitting, pursuant

to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 1995 through March 31, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3042. A communication from the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 1995 through March 31, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3043. A communication from the Executive Director of the Committee For Purchase From People Who Are Blind Or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule relative to additions to the procurement list, received on June 4, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3044. A communication from the Chief Operating Officer and President of the Resolution Funding Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of financial statements and other reports for calendar years 1994 and 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-584. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### "SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13

"Whereas, the Secretary of the Interior has proposed rules concerning R.S. 2477, rights-of-way on public lands, and these proposed rules would create a hardship on the state; and

"Whereas, longstanding and previously accepted public property rights could be legislatively extinguished, because the rule requires all public rights-of-way across lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, and Fish and Wildlife Service to be reclaimed within two years, and a failure to reclaim these lands would constitute an automatic relinquishment of the rights-of-way; and

"Whereas, the burden of proving the validity of all existing public rights-of-way is placed upon the local government and the proposed rules would require local governments to immediately initiate a labor-intensive and time-consuming validity determination process; and

"Whereas, in view of the fact that most rural governmental agencies would not have sufficient staff or funding to comply with the proposed federal validity requirements, the likely result is a loss of many public rights-of-way; and

"Whereas, where a valid right-of-way is subsequently recognized by the Department of the Interior, maintenance or reconstruction activities associated with the right-of-way, that occurred after October 1976, may be deemed an unauthorized use or trespass; and

"Whereas, the determination of validity will be vested in the "authorized officer" which is defined as the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, the Regional Director of the United States Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Regional Director of the National Parks Service, or a combination of those officials; and

"Whereas, compliance with, and interpretation of, those validity determination requirements will most likely result in a complex bureaucratic process for local governmental agencies; and

"Whereas, during the validity determination process, routine maintenance activities